

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2621  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2007, please consider the remarks  
as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.